

CONGRESSMAN SELLS MAKES VISIT HERE

HAS CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR

Would Not Announce Nature of Conference.

SEES THE LOCAL LEADERS

While Here the Congressman Reported That He Would Introduce a Pension Bill of National Importance at This Session.

Congressman Sam Sells of the First District came here Saturday for a hurried consultation with Governor Hooper who is resting at Carson's Springs. Congressman Sells, desired to see the governor prior to his return to Washington and as he took up his duties at the capitol Monday he made the trip Saturday. He telegraphed here and had a team awaiting him and he stepped into same almost immediately upon his arrival although a score or more friends were eager to grasp his hand and delayed his departure from the city for a few minutes. Neither the congressman nor the governor would discuss the nature of the conference although it is believed to have been in reference to some state patronage. The governor drove the congressman into town in time to catch No. 11, Saturday afternoon.

While here it was learned that he will introduce a bill at this special session which will have a far reaching scope in pension work, and he believes that while the bill effects federal pensions only that the Democratic house will recognize the merit in it and will pass the same. Congressman Sells has had over 300 applications for pensions, which would require that a special act of Congress be invoked in order to comply with same. The appeals for these pensions have in many instances been pitiful and pathetic. There are a score from men totally blind, who while having served their country to their best ability in the strife between the states, are prevented from enjoying the measure benefits from a pension because of slight discrepancies in the army records. During the closing months of the war records of the Union soldiers received scant attention, and the thousands of soldiers in East Tennessee who served with the blue, were home when the final surrender came, and instead of receiving honorable discharges, were listed as deserters in the records. Their work had been done, there commands disbanded, and because they did not have to apply to the government for transportation to get home, and go through the red tape which would have called for papers of honorable discharge, these men quietly returned to their home and again took up the work they had laid down in order to serve their country. This is a condition which Congressman Sells has discovered in the First district, and his general bill which will call for the appointment of a board of retired army officers to act in the capacity of examiners of pension records, whose decisions shall be final, he believes will meet with the approval of all who are familiar with the situation. In this way, needy objects of character, who are in real want will not be compelled to wait for a special act of congress to give them a pension but their case can be taken up directly with the pension board and relief given. While the bill will be introduced at this session of the House, it will not be acted upon until the next, owing to special rules of the house.

The First District Congressman has

been a busy man since January first. He stands high in the counsel of his party in this state and he has been compelled to make no less than twelve trips to Nashville, four or five of these from Washington and the others from his home at Johnson City. He also found it necessary to make several trips to Washington just prior to his taking the oath of office, and as a result he has been on the go at all times. The Congressman, however, is a glutton for work and he has been doing everything in his power to see that the fusion movement did not lose any of the ground it had gained during the hard fights of the last few years. He has stood with the leaders early and late and has shown that his wisdom is much sought by his party.

His visit here was his first since the election. There are numerous post-office changes contemplated in the county and he was quickly seen as to these by a few friends. Since he has had hold of the reins, over 50 changes have been made in the post offices of the First District and Sells has announced that he has just begun his work of cleaning up and purifying the service. The congressman is interested in the proposed post offices along the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad and would like to put some in, if it does not interfere with the present rural route service.

ODD FELLOWS HAVE DECORATION DAY

The Odd Fellows observed their decoration day Sunday and placed flowers on the graves of departed Odd Fellows at the New Cemetery, Old Cemetery and at O'Dell's Cemetery. A score or more of members participated in the exercises. Late Sunday afternoon the members of the lodge spent a short time at the home of George Duncan, who is laid up with an injured leg.

SERGEANT HORACE J. ROWE HOME

Sergeant Horace J. Rowe, son of Capt. W. K. Rowe of this city, came home from Manila, P. I., Friday night. He has finished a service of six years in the army and has been in the Philippines for the past two years. He arrived at San Francisco, May 15, and 11,000 soldiers were unloaded from transports on that day.

BAPTISTS WILL PICNIC IN EVENING HOURS

Wednesday evening from 5 to 9 o'clock, the Sunday school and congregation of the First Baptist church will have a picnic at the Masonic grounds, and games, will be played and there will be refreshments in the shape of lemonade and chicken and other things pleasing to the inner man.

BOX DINNER AT DEEP GAP

Deep Gap June 7.—There will be a box dinner at Deep Gap on June 17. The meeting will begin at 9 a. m. when there will be singing and Sunday school talks. At 11:30 a. m. boxes and cakes will be sold, and dinner will be had on the grounds. At 1:30 there will be more singing and Sunday school talks by visitors.

SAM GRAY SUFFERS FROM LOCKJAW

Sam Gray, well known stockman, is in a serious condition at his home, where he is suffering from muscular rheumatism and some affection of the jaw, which has resulted in lockjaw. On Sunday and Monday his body was apparently as stiff as it will be in death, and his friends were fearful of the consequences.

FIERCE STORM BREAKS OVER NEWPORT MONDAY

Following a day of excessive heat, a day which will probably go down on record as the hottest day Newport has experienced in many years, a fierce electrical storm broke over the town at day light Monday morning, tearing limbs from trees, unroofing houses, demolishing outhouses and buildings not substantially built. The storm apparently confined its fury to the immediate vicinity of Newport as no reports of unusual damage have come from the country districts.

The heat of Sunday, caused Newport's population to swelter until long into the night. Some thermometers registered 100 and others 101 in the shade, while a thermometer placed in the sun soon passed the 120 mark. There was absolutely no air stirring and the people here, not used to such weather, suffered throughout the day. There was no relief until the storm

broke over the town at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning.

For an electrical display the storm has had few equals. There were incessant flashes and the clap of the thunder was deafening. Limbs were torn from trees, and lightning struck in at least two trees in Newport, both on Jones Hill, where they were torn to shreds.

The Zion church, colored, located on Jones Hill was turned over and demolished.

The roof of the building of J. A. & F. M. Stokely's store was ripped off, and the store suffered from a deluge of water, several hundred dollars' worth of stock being damaged.

The roof of the Unaka Woodworking plant on Jones Hill was also damaged, a corner being torn off and wrapped around the nearby fencing.

The chimney on the residence of John M. Jones was demolished.

LONG DRIVE WITH BODY OF BOY KILLED IN CAMP

Killed in a lumber camp in Sevier county where he was working, Rubie Verner a young man, aged about 21 years, was taken to his father's place, near Del Rio, Friday in a wagon, a rough drive of over forty miles across the mountains being made with the remains.

The young man was caught under a falling tree and crushed to death. The camp is located about forty miles from

Knoxville and it was decided to send the remains to Del Rio in a wagon. The accident which resulted in the death of the victim happened Thursday and when the wagon arrived at the home of George Verner, the boy's father, it gave the first information to the household that death had come into their family. Word was sent to Newport and a coffin was sent to Del Rio, Friday night. Besides his parents, young Verner is survived by a wife.

NEGRO BOY IDENTIFIED

Had Been Buried on Poor Farm—
\$1,000 Insurance on
His Life.

The negro boy who dropped dead here last week immediately after getting off a freight train, and who was buried by the county un-identified, was Ralph Jackson, son of Eva Jackson, of Knoxville and had been making his home at Morristown.

The boy was missing from his home at Morristown for several days, and his people there made several efforts to locate his mother who was working in Knoxville, but were unsuccessful, until Friday, at which time it was found that she was cooking for Jake Borches, as the papers had given some description of the dead, she came to Newport to investigate. As soon as she learned the markings of his clothing she knew that the boy belonged to her, and Saturday afternoon the body was taken up for the purpose of identification, as there was a life insurance policy of about \$1,000 which the mother had been carrying on her son's life, and positive identification was necessary before the necessary proof of death could be submitted.

SHOOTS GIRL FOR PUBLIC DISROBING

Oswego, N. Y., June 3.—As a warning not to disrobe before an unentitled win-ow, Walter C. Lowery, a wealthy farmer of Tioga county, fired a charge of No. 7 buckshot at Lucile Harding, a domestic in the family of Dr. W. E. Mayor, badly wounding her.

Then Lowery called up the sheriff and announced he had done the shooting to teach the girl a lesson. He was committed to jail without bail, and the girl is in a precarious condition.

Lowery, it is said, was affected by the heat.

MUSIC SCHOOL PUPIL'S RECITAL

Entertainment of Friday Night
Was High Tribute to Mrs. Blair
and Miss Robinson.

The recital by the pupils of the Music School at the Denton Opera House Friday night was a success in every way. W. D. McSweeney in a few fitting remarks paid a high tribute to the school, and its worth to Newport. The recital—which followed was even more expressive, and the patrons of the school were delighted with the degree of efficiency shown by the students. The piano was taught by both Mrs. Blair and Miss Lucile Robinson enables the students to show much expression in their work, and both of the teachers were heartily congratulated for the success of the year. Mrs. Blair's ability is well known and Miss Robinson has long been known as an accomplished musician and she is showing her ability to instruct as well as to entertain, in her work in connection with the School of Music. Miss Nell Kidwell was delightful as the soloist of the evening.

The program was as follows:

Duet—March and Chorus from Tannhauser, Lange—Margaret Smith and Annie Gardner.

Duet—Moonlight on the Water, Seidt—Vernie Stokely and Edna Fisher.

Solo—L'Argentine, Wollenhaupt—Margaret Smith.

Trio—March Lyrique, Keeling—Alma Ailey, Mary Rowe Rubie and Lucy Boyer.

Solo—Polacca Brilliant, Bohm—Ola Robeson.

Duet—Commencement March, Behr—Lois Du Bois and Eunice Boyer.

Solo—Polka de la Reio, Raff—Annie Gardner.

Vocal Solo—Voices of the Woods,

ABSOLUTE REST FOR GOVERNOR HOOPER

(from melody in F.) Rubenstein—Miss Nell Kidwell.

Duet—Rustic Dance, Mason—Lucy and Mamie Boyer.

Duet—Nonpareil Galop, Kunkel—Ernestine Robeson and Mrs. Blair.

Solo—Twinkling Star, Holm—Eunice Boyer.

Duet—Young Bugler's Galop, Schwartz—Alma Ailey and Mary R. Rubie.

Vocal Solo—Daisies, Hawley—Miss Nell Kidwell.

Duet—La Baladine, Lysberg—Ola and Ernestine Robeson.

Solo—Dancing Spirits, Bohm—Eloise Runnion.

Vocal Quartette—In the Gloaming, Harrison—Mrs. McSweeney, Misses Kidwell and Robinson.

Solo—The Daisies, Fontaine—Catherine McSweeney.

Duet—Galop Brilliant, Dussek—Maye Burnett and Eloise Runnion.

Solo—Fragrant Violet, Spindler—Maye Burnett.

Duet—Invitation a la Polka, Bendel—Catherine McSweeney and Mrs. Blair.

Chorus—Merry May, Distin—Vocal Class.

13TH BIRTHDAY OF EVAN SMITH

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, was the scene of a delightful children's party, last Wednesday afternoon, when their young son, Evan, celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of his birth.

A merry company of boys and girls enjoyed the various games and outdoor sports which were played on the spacious lawn surrounding the home. In the contest for the afternoon much interest was shown when each contestant was asked to name as many trees and plants on the lawn as they knew. The prizes fell to Jennie Boyer and Ernest Mims.

Delicious refreshments were served after the games and the young people departed wishing the young host many more happy birthdays.

The guests were: Eleanor Susong, Mary Susong, Mary Moore Talley, Jennie Boyer, Opal O'Dell, Myra Mims, Doris Mims, Edna Fisher, Lucy Bell Jarrett, Mildred McHarge, Carl Glenn, Raymond Glenn, Dewey Frawley, Ernest Mims, Hugh Holder, Paul Brown, Charley Brown, Paul Rich, Hugh Rich, and Eugene Parrott.

AN ADDRESS BY THE FUSIONISTS

Declare They Will Not Assemble at Nashville For the General Sessions

Nashville, June 7.—Many fusion members of the Tennessee legislature in an address declare they will under no consideration reassemble for the general sessions of the two houses now being maintained by the regular democrats. They agree if an extra session is called they will elect or confirm the election of Leslie M. Stratton, of Memphis, as members of the state board of election, he being the choice of the democratic caucus. They blame their opponents for the present situation in refusing to adjourn.

The fusionists say the filibuster was the only means of saving the state from much domination backed by the whiskey power. They allege also that the opposition planned ultimately to legalize the manufacture and sale of liquor in the constitution.

Asa O. Layman, a well-to-do farmer of Sevier county, has been visiting relatives in this city the past week.

ENJOYING STAY AT THE SPRINGS

His Children Assisting Him in Search for Health.

IS AWAY FROM POLITICS

Few Visitors Have Seen Him and He States That He Has Not Received Any Mail from Nashville Since His Arrival.

Carson Springs, Tenn., June 7.—Governor B. W. Hooper has been at Carson's Springs for a week and he is showing considerable improvement in health. The summer season has not opened as yet at the springs and the governor is spending his vacation practically alone. He was found Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock playing with his children at the brook a half mile from the hotel, where he had dined up a small spring and had caught some minnows and imprisoned them to the great delight of the little folks.

The governor has also developed into an exceptionally good arrow maker and his children are being taught archery, the trees being Indians and other imaginary wild animals. He is getting what his physician prescribed, a quiet rest, and after the nine months of strenuous work which he has had at Nashville this rest is most timely. The fare at Carson's is good and the governor is getting exercise playing with his children and pitching horseshoes with any visitor who comes his way. He has received an invitation to visit Wilhoit a mountain creek over in Sevier county where a number of mountain people are hearing some cattle and he is planning to walk across the mountain and spend a night or two with them in the open.

To look upon the governor in his present surroundings would make it hard to believe that he is the center of a political storm. He reads the newspapers and other than a visit from Congressman Sam Sells, Saturday, and two or three other East Tennessee politicians, he has not heard a word of politics since his arrival at Carson's. He apparently is absolutely unconcerned as to what course is taken by the hangover crowd of legislators. Representative Sam Leath visited him Wednesday. On Saturday Sheriff G. W. Rimer of Jefferson county, who is slated for a prison position drove over to the Springs from Dandridge, and he was accompanied by J. P. Hill one of Jefferson county's most prominent farmers. The peculiar feature in reference to this visit was that Mr. Rimer had been the manager of Dick Austin's campaign in Jefferson county while Mr. Hill had been ex-Congressman Hale's campaign manager, and when those two gentlemen visited the governor together, it was an illustration of the unanimity of the Jefferson county republicans in the support of Governor Hooper. The only other visitor who has seen him was Representative Parrott from this county who spent Sunday at the Springs.

Governor Hooper would not state that there was any particular significance to the visit of Congressman Sells Saturday, merely stating inasmuch as the congressman was due to return to Washington on the day following that the little conference had been arranged before his departure.

Governor Hooper stated Sunday that he had not received any letter from the regulars, although he had noted that Senator Lea had submitted

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